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TLETS Re-Engineering Project Update

The design phase of the TLETS Re-Engineering project is nearing completion. Agreements with TXDOT and TDCJ regarding connectivity methodologies have been established ensuring continued delivery of data from those agencies. The project is on schedule.

As part of the project, TxDPS is procuring a web-based training and certification system. The training and certification system will supplement the classroom training already being provided by TxDPS; it is not intended to replace the TxDPS instructor-taught courses. Courseware will be developed and customized for TxDPS by the TCIC and TLETS trainers. The training system will allow personnel to take on-line courses which include exercises that will be used to reinforce the material being taught. The system will also permit users to take re-certification tests on-line. Test questions may be any of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, true/false, and interactive scenario. The training and certification system will track the student's certification status and inform them when it is time to take a re-certification exam upon login to the new system. TxDPS hopes to make available the training and certification to some users late summer or early fall of 2005.

Interface Agency Update

A conference for interface agencies and their vendors was held at TxDPS headquarters on October 18th. We had a large attendance and plan another conference in the first quarter of 2005. An announcement will be made on the TCIC2000 Listserv as soon as a date is set. Interface agencies should already be aware that the new system will require extensive changes to their system in order to connect to the new system. The following changes will be required:

- communications using DMPP-2020 -TCP/IP socket protocol
- 256-bit Rijndael (AES) encryption
- TLETS header upon migration to the new system

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL !

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Interface agencies may optionally implement OFML (OpenFox™/OmnixxForce Markup Language). OFML is an extension of eXtensible Markup Language (XML) specifically for law enforcement. TLETS will also allow users to implement support for the GJXDD standard that will be supported by the TxDPS CCH Re-write project.

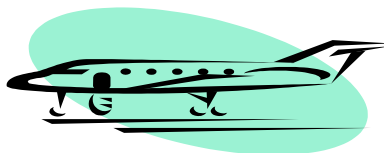
Documentation was distributed at the conference. Electronic copies of those documents are now available on the TLETS web site:

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/information_management/tlets/tletsindex.htm

The username is "tlets" and the case sensitive password is "#5Et3a". Do not include the quotation marks.

Agencies and their vendors may volunteer to participate in the early migration to the new system by contacting the TLETS Order Center at tlets_order_center@txdps.state.tx.us. TxDPS cannot guarantee that a volunteer will be selected to participate in the early migration. Selection will be dependent on many factors.

TxDPS asks recipients of this newsletter to disseminate the information to appropriate persons within their agency. The Project Oversight Committee will communicate project progress through this venue, the TCIC2000 Listserv, and the TLETS web site. Questions, comments, and concerns may be relayed to <mailto:tlets@txdps.state.tx.us>.



FAA AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION IS BACK IN SERVICE

As of November 1, 2004, the FAA has granted permissions for law enforcement to query the aircraft registration files. For those of you who may have forgotten, the transaction code is "GQ." To use this format the attention field ATN: is mandatory, and you must enter the name of the person who is requesting this information. You may query by aircraft tail number or serial number or by the owner's name. For complete aircraft registration information use the aircraft tail or registration number. If you are inquiring for a peace officer there are two mandatory fields you must complete; they are the SIT and DOS fields. The SIT or SIGHTING field must be entered with a Y for yes; and for DOS DATE OF SIGHTING, you must enter the date that your officer requested the aircraft registration. If you are asked to query for someone other than a peace officer, the SIT and DOS must NOT be entered.

GQ NLETS AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION INQUIRY

ATN: _____

ENTER: REG: _____ SIT: _ DOS: MMDDYYYY

OR SER: _____

OR NAM: _____

CONTROL FIELD: _____

MISSING PERSONS & UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS FILE

DNA & DLO FIELDS

Upon obtaining and submitting DNA samples to a laboratory for identification purposes, the entering agency (ORI) should update the missing or unidentified person record. This information would be entered into the DNA and DLO fields of the record entry.

The DNA field must be either Y or N (N is the default value). The DLO field is used to explain the location of the DNA sample, contact information and CODIS number. Consult the NCIC Operating Manual TOU 03-1, issued 3-19-2003, for proper editing.

**Texas Missing Persons Clearinghouse
Special Crimes Service
1-800-346-3243**



CONCEALED HANDGUN UPDATE

Texas has signed a reciprocal agreement with the state of Montana, allowing concealed handgun license holders from that state. Montana license holders will be required to follow Texas law while carrying in this state. For questions concerning reciprocal agreements, contact the handgun legal section at 512.424.5842. For a current listing of all states that have reciprocal agreements with Texas, at the TLETS options menu screen, type in "HANDGUN" and press the F1 key. Participator states are:

Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming.

3RD Q CROSSWORD PUZZLER ANSWERS

ACROSS

1. PROHIBITED 5.2
2. NOVISSCOTIA "STATES HELP"
5. TRAFFICVIOLATIONS 13.12
8. QUESTIONMARK 11.3
9. ASO "BROADCAST HELP" OR MA
10. KENTUCKY "SOC HELP"
11. APPENDIXSEVEN "MANUAL"
13. PROGRAMMABLE 3.5
14. SA 13.1

DOWN

1. POINTOFENTRY 5.1
4. STATUSMESSAGE 3.9
6. STOLENVEHICLE PF22/F22
7. VISAS "DIRLIST"
12. PLATES "DIRLIST"

NEW AGENCIES ON TLETS

DRISCOLL PD	DSPZ
MONTGOMERY CO FIRE MARSHAL	MFMZ
MONTGOMERY PD	MGPZ

DELETED AGENCIES

LUBBOCK S. TX REG TF#27	NCA4
HOUSTON NASA LBJ SPACE CTR	HNAZ

Bulletin Board continued

BOERNE PD

The Boerne Police Department will be hosting a PowerPhone Hazardous Materials Preparedness training program February 17, 2005. Subjects to be covered in include: definition of hazardous materials, state & federal haz-mat regulations, pre-planning for Haz-Mat incidents, proper response determination, pre-arrivals for Haz-Mat incidents and recognizing & reacting a Haz-Mat incident. This course cost \$189.00 per person and a certificate will be awarded to all students who complete and pass an examination. For registration and other information contact 1.800.537.6937 or call David Flores at 830.249.8645

BULLETIN BOARD

GARLAND PD

Garland PD will be hosting a PowerPhone hostage negotiations for Telecommunicators, January 10, 2005. The training will be in our new facility located at 1891 Forest Lane, multipurpose room, from 0700-1700. The cost for this school is \$189.00. For registration information, contact 1.800.537.6937 or visit www.poweophone.com

FRISCO PD

The Frisco Fire Department is hosting a PowerPhone 16-hour advanced fire service dispatch course on February 3-4, 2005. Students will benefit from new 9-1-1 tapes featured in class, new role-playing exercises and interactive sessions. The class will also include new coverage on the latest trends in emergency communications, and incident command systems. Program meets and exceeds all federal, state, and local guidelines. The cost for this school is \$289.00 per person. A certificate will be awarded to all students who complete the program and pass an examination. To register or for more information, call 1.800.537.6937.

COLLEGE STATION PD

The College Station Police Department is hosting an International Police Mountain Bicycle Association (IPMBA) basic police cyclist school. The class will be held January 31, 2005, through February 4, 2005. Tuition for this course is \$200.00, which includes cycling hand book, pre-ride snacks, and drinks. To register contact officer Paul Brown at pjbrown@cstx.gov or 979.220.4817 or Ken Petereit at kpeterrei@cstx.gov or 979.764.3600.

LIMESTONE CO SO

The Limestone County Sheriff's Office is hosting a PowerPhone 24-hr crisis communications course #2120 February 23-25, 2005. Cost for the course is \$349.00 for registration and other information call 1.800-537.6937 or Autumn Cox at 254.729.3278

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS PD

The North Richland Hills Police Department is hosting an eight-hour PowerPhone workshop for "Homeland Security for Telecommunicator." on January 24, 2005. The cost for this course is \$189.00, To register call 1.800.537.6937 or www.powerphone.com or contact the police department at 871.427.7191.

TRAINING CALENDER

2005 SCHEDULE

AUSTIN DPS TRAINING ACADEMY

Filled to capacity- Waiting list established

January 3-7, 2005 – Region 7

CONROE

January 10-14 – Region 2

LIVE OAK

January 31- February 3 - Region 3

MIDLAND

March 14-18 – Region 4

AMARILLO

April 18-23, 2005- Region 5

BELTON

May 16-20, 2005- Region 6

TLETS/NLETS and TCIC/NCIC Basic Procedures
Course # 3811 – Contact DPS Austin at mnemonic
address JJ04 or call 512.424.2419 or 2014.

Agencies desiring the three day TLETS /NLETS
Operator's Course can attend the first three days of the
40-hour school.

E-mail: joanne.jenkins@txdps.state.tx.us

NOTE: As of January 1, 2000, all agencies must maintain
one (1) fully trained DPS certified operator per shift See
the TRAINING help file.

These schools are conducted in each of the eight DPS
regions during the following months:

Region 1 – December/June

Region 2 - January/July

Region 3 - February

Region 4 - March/September

Region 5 – April/October

Region 6 – May/November

Region 7 - Unscheduled Austin Schools

Region 8 - August

Interested in Hosting a TLETS School?

DPS is always looking for an agency to host a TLETS school. DPS relies on your agencies to host a school at no charge to DPS and the attendees. There are several requirements that need to be met to handle a class size of 85-100 students. Although these schools are conducted by personnel from the DPS Information Management Service and Crime Records Service in Austin, the specific site locations are selected by the regional supervisors, Police Communications (RSPC's) in each of the eight DPS regions. There are several factors considered by the RSPC: A city centrally located in and convenient to as many TLETS member agencies as possible; adequate lodging for out-of-town students; available restaurants; and a suitable training facility. The room must have good acoustics; adequate lighting and be capable of being darkened sufficiently for showing a PowerPoint presentation; the room must have a large whiteboard/blackboard and a large projection screen or a white wall with no obstructions; tables and chairs or chairs/desks with a large writing surface for each student. The room must be capable of comfortably accommodating 85-100 students, including adequate room for the placement of a lap-top and projector, an instructor area at the front of the classroom with adequate electrical outlets convenient to the (DPS provided) projector and flat screen projector viewable by all students. It should have also a VCR and TV-Monitor. Other desirable, but not mandatory, factors in the site selection would be the availability of refreshments, access for the physically challenged and variable (rheostat controlled) room lighting, and public telephone and restrooms. These schools are currently being conducted by DPS at no cost for material or registration fees. Sites must also be provided at no cost to DPS and attending students, or participating agencies. Those interested in hosting a school in your region should contact the Regional Supervisor Communication Facilities by regional contact;

Region 1 Phillip Herbst, DPS Garland – 214.861.2050

Region 2- Holly Faison, DPS Houston, 281.517.1300

Region 3- Edgar Berry, DPS Corpus Christi 361.698.5844

Region 4- Kristi Howell, DPS Midland, 432.498.2135

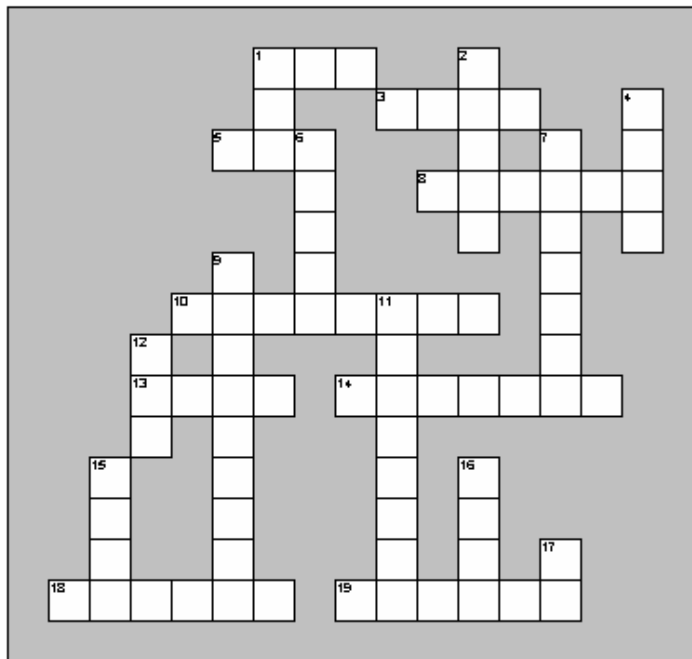
Region 5- Kelly Smith, DPS Lubbock, 806.472.2790

Region 6- Sonya Harrell, DPS Waco, 254.759.7163

Region 7 Todd Early 463.3475, REG 7 is reserved for
Austin DPS TLETS Schools

Region 8- Tommy Gonzales, DPS McAllen 956.984.5623

Crossword



Across

1. Transaction code for the VTR temporary permit.
3. The abbreviation for reply only if wanted.
5. This is the "reason for request" field used in the WQ, UQ, VQ, and XQ formats.
8. Enter this in the Options Menu Screen to determine the mnemonic address assigned to your terminal.
10. Transaction code for the general help field for TCIC/NCIC, individual identity, theft and threat to peace officer and TCIC Temporary felony want files.
13. In composing administrative messages, you should do this without comment on items that are unknown.
14. The NICB all files inquiry format (NAQ) provides access to this file.
18. One of the two types of administrative message formats.
19. The "PPS" field in all Canadian transaction formats is to indicate if the _____ /Property is in sight.

Down

1. This equipment allows your equipment to talk to the DPS HUB.
2. How many DPS Regions are in Texas.
4. The abbreviation for reply only if record.
6. File code for the "general" NLETS help file for the NICB database.
7. This file contains States that permit Texas concealed handgun license holder's to enter their state legally with their handguns.
9. SOC numbers with prefix 433 were issued from this state.
11. The last part of an operators service in a formal and informal message.
12. Data element for hours of service field used in the NLETS ORION modify format.
15. This organization provides the "Public Safety Communications Operating Manual" outlined in the REFERENCE help file.
16. Transaction code for the TLETS general help file that provides a bulletin board for items of general TLETS user interest.
17. The intentionally recognized code used in the NLETS HAZMAT system is called a _____ number.